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CHAINS, HILDS, SHAPES, SCREWS, etc.,  
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the Harbour Master, at Canton, or from  
the Whampoa Customs Station.  
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**F. J. MAYERS,**  
Acting Commissioner of Customs,  
Canton, February 8, 1906. 296

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## NOTICE.

**MR. RICHARD HANCOCK** is autho-  
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NOTICE.

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SCHOLAR of ST. KATHERINE'S in  
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with  
**ALFRED CARTER,**  
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Hongkong, February 28, 1906. 399

## NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED are in receipt of  
Telegraphic Advice to the effect that  
the s.s. LOTHIAN, which sailed hence  
for New York on the 14th December last,  
has put into Malla for repairs, and it will  
be necessary for the steamer to dry dock  
there before proceeding on her voyage to  
New York.  
**DODWELL & CO., LTD.,**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, February 10, 1906. 236

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We beg to notify the Public generally  
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OPENED a First-class Unusual Hairdressing  
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## BY TELEGRAPH.

## RUSSIAN AFFAIRS.

## POLES STILL AGGRESSIVE.

## Railway Manager Shot.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

LONDON, February 27.

M. Ivashoff, manager of the Vistula railway in Poland, has been shot dead in Warsaw.

This is the fifth Russian railway manager who has been assassinated in Poland.

The murders are ascribed to an organised attempt to enforce the appointment of Poles on the railway.

## THE NATIONAL DUMA.

## To Meet In June

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

LONDON, February 27.

The Czar has issued a decree that the National Duma shall meet on June 10.

## CHINA AND BRITAIN.

## THE TIBET NEGOTIATIONS.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

LONDON, February 27.

In the House of Commons Earl Grey said that no papers could be laid on the table or statements made in connection with the negotiations between India and China regarding Tibet, during the course of those negotiations.

## THE MOROCCO CONFERENCE.

## German Policy Criticised.

(Reuters's service.)

LONDON, February 26.

It is stated in Vienna that Austria and Russia have endeavoured to induce Germany to meet the demands of France in regard to policing Morocco, and that Austria will not support Germany unless Germany changes her policy.

## LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

The City Hall. The meeting of subscribers in and shareholders to the City Hall was being held as we went to press.

## Lai Kwai Pui in Hongkong.

Lai Kwai Pui, whose name has been made popular owing to his having been arrested by the Viceroy of Canton in connection with the Canton-Hankow Railway, and subsequently released by Imperial Edict, has come to Hongkong, presumably for the purpose of raising funds for the construction of the line. The Chinese business community entertained him to day at the Sze Yip Club, Fraya West, at 3 p.m.

## Orga. Recital.

The organ recital given by Mr. Donnan Fuller, F.R.C.O., L.R.A.M., in the Cathedral yesterday afternoon was well attended. The organist played several delightful pieces which were greatly appreciated. The singing of Miss Sch. Mrs. Perkins, Mr. A. E. Paine and Mr. J. Whittall was excellent, while "Sun of my Soul," by the choir was successfully rendered. Miss Seth, Mrs. Perkins and Mr. G. H. Edwards taking solo parts.

## Mr Herbert Gladstone's Birthplace.

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## According to a telegram published in

## yesterday's issue—the threatened tariff

## war between Germany and America has

## been postponed for at least a year.

## Negotiations have been afoot for some

## time between the two countries to

## establish a commercial treaty, but the

## "give" and "take" not being exactly

## balanced, talk only led to the black

## brink of trade war instead of to the

## Arabian realms of peace. The United

## States and Germany are far too largely

## interested in commerce to waste time

## in twisting each others mercantile ears,

## and realising this in time Germany

## wisely made an armistice compulsory by

## granting "most favoured nation treat-

## ment" to the States for one year.

## Though it is not easily ascertainable

## what Germany's exact contentions were

## with regard to America's custom admini-

## stration she desired (1) modifications in

## customs administration; and (2) the

## retention of present advantages for

## wines, etc., imports of which from Ger-

## many amount to about \$1,500,000 (gold)

## per year. Counter to this America

## desired from Germany (1) a modification

## of regulations for food inspection, etc.,

## and (2) the application of German con-

## ventional duties to American products.

## In American papers there could not be

## detected any disposition on the part of

## Congress to grant tariff concessions to

## any nation in return for special tariff

## privileges, but there was a tendency

## exhibited in several quarters to place

## in the hands of the Government a weapon

## for compelling other countries to give the

## United States the most favoured nation

## treatment or to suffer the consequences

## of higher rates upon their own goods

## when imported into the United States.

## Volcan from American Industries that

## two measures having this object in view

## have been introduced, one in the Senate

## by Senator Lodge and another in the

## House by Congressman McCleary. The

## Lodge bill provides for certain conces-

## sions from the present rates to countries

## giving the United States the most

## favoured nation treatment and for an

## extra duty above the present rates for

## countries which discriminate against

## American products. The McCleary bill

## provides for a twenty-five per cent in-

## crease over the present Dingley tariff

## rates on goods from any country which

## in any way discriminates against imports

## from the United States without any

## provision for a reduction from the rates.

## Whether either of these measures have

## been passed and so inspired Germany

## to withdraw her suggestions cannot be

## said, but as the new German tariff comes

## into effect to-morrow (March 1) it looks

## as if threatened retaliation by the States

## was responsible in some measure. At

## all events Germany did the wise thing

## in view of the deadlock. A tariff war

## would have been completely disastrous

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## MEMOS. FOR O-MORROW.

## Auctions.

## 11 a.m.—Auction of Household Furni-

## ture, at No. 24, Harrison Hill Road.

## 2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Fur-

## niture, at No. 24, Harrison Hill Road.

## Meetings.

## 9 p.m.—Meeting of Zetland Lodge.

## Amusements.

## 9 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.

## Miscellaneous.

## Goods per Delnot cleared at 4 p.m.

## on this date subject to rent.

## General Memoranda.

## FRIDAY, March 2.

## 3 p.m.—Auction of Leasehold Property,

## at Mr. G. F. Lammer's Sales

## Rooms.

## SATURDAY, March 3.

## 12.15 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Hotel

## Co., Ltd., at City Hotel.

## 2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-

## ture, at Mr. G. F. Lammer's

## Sales Rooms.

## WEDNESDAY, March 7.

## Noon—Meeting of The Hongkong Fire

## Insurance Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Offices.

## 11.30 a.m.—Meeting of Green Island

## Cement Co., Ltd., at General Manager's

## Office.

## THURSDAY, March 8.

## Noon—Meeting of China Fire Insurance

## Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Offices.

## SATURDAY, March 10.

## Noon—Meeting of China Traders' Insur-

## ance Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Registered

## Office.

## TUESDAY, March 12.

## Noon—Auction of Leasehold Property,

## at Messrs. Hynes &amp; Hough's Sales

## Rooms.

## The China Mail.

## HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1906.

## TIME TO ACT.

## SURELY the time has come for some

## decided action to be taken in reference

## to China. The new year was ushered

## in amid whisperings of impending trou-

## ble; none of the dark portents which

## are wont to foreshadow evil were lack-

## ing. Yet with that indifferent opti-

## mism, or rather dejected resignation,

## which seems inevitably to overtake

## foreign representatives in Eastern coun-

## tries, especially at Peking, no action

## was taken, except by America, to pre-

## pare for an eventuality which seemed

## more than possible. By this time the

## lesson 'should have been learnt that a

## policy of concession is a policy of catas-

## trophe in dealing with the Chinese.

## Apparently past experience has been

## scarcely regarded as, during recent

## months, we have had pitiable exhibi-

## tions of weakness on the part of foreig-

## ners both at Shanghai and Tientsin.

## There has been in consequence growing

## insolence among Chinese officials and

## this has reacted upon the lower classes

## with the result that outrages upon fore-

## igners have become increasingly com-

## mon. The contempt which the native

## inhabitants have ever felt for us has

## been intensified since they have lost the

## little respect they used to entertain for

## our power, and willingness, to punish.

## We hinted some days ago at reasons

## which might account in some degree for

## the apparent policy which has overtaken

## British diplomacy in China. But all

## the Ministers at Peking are not pro-

## Chinese—although it is certainly true

## that Mr. Rockhill, the American Min-

## ister, has consistently advocated the

## most tender treatment of the Chinese—

## and it seems remarkable that no joint

## action to impress upon the Court the

## necessity for maintaining order within

## the Empire should have been proposed.

## Probably the explanation is that the

## Algeiras Conference has tied the hands

## of the European powers. Until the

## strains of the Morocco difficulty is relaxed

## any united international action

## seems out of the question. The Court

## at Peking is thoroughly well aware of

## this, and the knowledge encourages it

## in its attitude of letting 'ill alone.' It

## would almost appear that the time has

## come to reconsider our historic attitude

## with regard to China. "The Main-

## tenance of the Open Door" is a fine

## sounding phrase, and "The Preservation

## of the Territorial Integrity of China" is

## another, but mouth filling phrases are

## not the only requirements in modern

## diplomacy. The door apparently must

## be blocked open by the bodies of mis-

## sionaries; and the provinces of the

## Middle Kingdom cemented by Chris-

## tian China. Great Britain has steadily

## set her face against any proposal for

## the partition of China and has declared

## herself in favour of letting the country

## work out its own salvation, unaffected

## by pressure from without. This policy















